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In re the application of:

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Serial No: 09/924,115

Filed : August 8, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1712 **DEC 24 2003 TC 1700**

Examiner: Philip C. Tucker

: **FRACTURING METHOD USING AQUEOUS
OR ACID BASED FLUIDS**

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION
DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2003

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding final official action,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

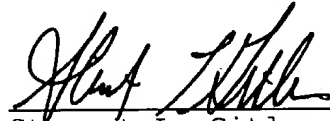
Please cancel non-allowed claims 1 to 18, 21 and 22.

Please add new dependent claims 23-30 which depend on
allowed claim 19.

Remarks

The claims are fully supported by the disclosure in the
specification and do not introduce new matter in the
specification. They correspond to the cancelled claims, but they
now depend from an allowed claim. A marked-up copy of all claims
is attached.

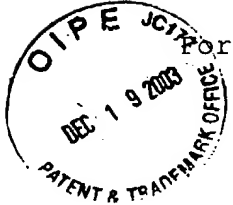
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